Homeless Youth and Young Adult (YYA: 12-25 years old) Initiative Logic Model

Inputs

- Youth and Young Adults
- Coordinated Data
- Coordinated Engagement
- Prevention
- Outreach
- Shelter
- Housing
- Case Management
- Mental Health Services
- Physical Health Services
- Chemical Dependency Services
- McKinney-Vento Liaisons
- Education
- Employment
- Legal Assistance
- Research
- Advocacy
- Funding
- Child Welfare
- Juvenile Justice

Priority Activities

Recommended Priority Activities

- Family reunification intervention
- Address system disproportionality
- Shelter for 18 – 25 year olds in South King County
- Low Barrier housing
- Clear path to employment, including education particularly for YYA under 18
- Housing stability team
- Rental Assistance with supports

Recommended System Changes

- Continuum-wide capacity building to support family reunification
- Explicit focus around disproportionality
- System prevention
- Strengthen data and evaluation
- Align and cultivate funding to improve individual outcomes and system level impacts

Activities will be adapted over course of initiative based on additional available data.

Priority Outcomes and Indicators

Outcomes

Stable Housing

- Increased placement in culturally relevant, safe, developmentally appropriate housing

Permanent Connections

- Reunification with family will be a priority where safe and appropriate
- Improved ability to develop and maintain healthy relationships

Education & Employment

- Increased employability
- Increased connection to the workforce
- Increased academic success

Emotional Wellbeing

- Improved health and wellbeing

YYA Indicators

- Young adults will be placed in developmentally appropriate supportive housing.
- Young adults will successfully move to more independent housing.
- Under 18 youth successfully return home (if safe) or move to a safe, permanent placement.

(Contributes to Benchmarks 2, 3 & 4)

- Young adults reunify, develop or sustain positive relationships with family, a caring adult and peers.
- Under 18 youth reunify, strengthen or sustain positive relationships with family or a caring adult.

(Contributes to Benchmarks 1, 2, 3 & 4)

- Under 18 youth and young adults have gained work experience, completed a pre-employment program, or internship.
- Young adults have been placed in unsubsidized employment.
- Under 18 youth and young adults will re-engage or increase engagement with educational opportunities.

(Contributes to Benchmark 3)

- Young adults are mentally and physically healthy.
- Under 18 youth strengthen assets and build resiliency.

(Contributes to Benchmark 3)

Further YYA Indicators to be developed over course of initiative based on additional available data.

System Indicators

System Capacity

- Housing and services are available for youth in all areas of King County.
- YYAs from all populations will have access to culturally competent services.
- Public and private funding is increased and aligned to support shared outcomes and reporting.
- Sufficient funding supports the Homeless YYA system to achieve shared goal.
- Data quality is strong enough to enable effective use for performance measurement and learning.
- Decision-making and course correction are based on data and analysis, including youth outcomes and provider performance.
- Alignment of funding to support shared outcomes decreases reporting burden on providers.

(Contributes to Benchmarks 1, 2, 3 & 4)

Cross-Systems

- YYAs exiting juvenile justice or child welfare system do not become homeless.

(Contributes to Benchmarks 1, 3 & 4)

Further Cross-Systems Indicators may be added over course of initiative based on new opportunities.

2020 Impact Goal

Prevent & End YYA Homelessness by 2020:

Every youth and young adult in King County has a safe place to live and thrive.

Benchmarks

1. Fewer YYA experience homelessness (homelessness is prevented and no YYA are sleeping outdoors or in places not meant for human habitation).
   - *Annual goal: Decrease of 15 to 20 youth*
   - *2020 goal: No YYA sleeping outdoors*
2. Length of time YYA are homeless (time on streets or in shelter) is shorter.
   - *Annual goal: 15% decrease each year*
   - *2020 goal: 30 days on street or in shelter*
3. Fewer YYA return to homelessness (either as a YYA or an adult).
   - *Annual goal: 20% decrease each year*
   - *2020 goal: 5% return to homelessness*
4. Decrease disproportionate over-representation of homeless LGBTQ YYA and/or homeless YYA of color.
   - *Annual goal: 5-10% decrease each year*
   - *2020 goal: No over-representation of LGBTQ YYA or YYA of color*

External Factors

- Political landscape
- Economic climate
- Affordable housing availability
- Federal & state policies & programs (e.g., ACA)
- Emerging & ongoing local initiatives (e.g., Opportunity Youth, Road Map project, etc.)

Data Sources

- **HMIS/ Safe Harbors**
- RHYMIS
- Coordinated Engagement
- Regional Case Management Database
- Count Us In/Point in Time Count
- McKinney-Vento School Data

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Homeless Youth and Young Adult Initiative Logic Model Narrative

Theory of Change

To prevent and end youth and young adult homelessness in King County, by ensuring that every youth and young adult in King County has a safe place to live and thrive, we must support homeless youth and young adults to achieve stable housing, permanent connections, education, employment, and emotional wellbeing. We can achieve this Impact Goal by 2020 by aligning and securing sufficient resources, working across systems, and using data to drive decision-making.

Guiding Principles

The following statements guide the Logic Model and the continued measurement of the work of the YYA Homelessness Initiative:

- Outcomes and indicators will be meaningful to key stakeholders.
- Outcomes and indicators will be simple and easy to understand.
- Indicators will have available baseline measures from accessible data sources for youth and young adults in King County.
- There can be a reasonable expectation that each benchmark selected will show progress over time if and when the selected indicators improve.
- Outcomes and indicators are not sufficient in isolation. Context is critically important.
- We recognize that homeless youth are not a homogenous population. The data we collect will help us identify/determine what approaches work best for whom (i.e., subgroups).
- Outcome information will be primarily used for learning. We envision a community of service practitioners, funders and others sharing information and learning that leads to continuously improving results for homeless youth.
- High quality data are key to effective measurement for learning.

Outcome and Indicator Sources

Outcomes used in the logic model were drawn from the USICH Framework to End Youth Homelessness (http://www.usich.gov/population/youth/a_framework_for_ending_youth_homelessness_2012/), and the subsequent work done by the Puget Sound Runaway and Homeless Youth Collaborative to develop measureable indicators for each outcome area. Further refinement was done by the Outcomes Workgroup as part of the comprehensive planning process.

Glossary

Inputs: Resources and activities used to produce the activities and the outcomes.
Activities: The prioritized strategies by which the inputs are used on a community-level to affect change.
External Factors: Other influences on the outcomes, indicators and benchmarks that are outside the scope of the system.
Outcomes: What is accomplished by the inputs and activities.
Indicators: A numeric measure of the achievement of the outcome.
Impact Goals: The end results that are sought from the initiative as a whole.
Benchmarks: The annual and end date measures of progress towards the impact goals.
Data Sources: The available databases from which information to measure the indicators may be drawn.